

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHIHIRO ISHIDA) : Examiner: Kathleen S. Yuan
Application No.: 10/617,042) : Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: July 11, 2003) : Confirmation No. 3064
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD)
AND PROGRAM STORAGE)
MEDIUM : July 25, 2008

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the June 25, 2008 Interview Summary, requiring the filing of a Summary of Interview by Applicant, Applicant is filing this Statement of Substance of Interview.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended toward his representative during the telephone conversation of June 18, 2008. In the June 18, 2008 conversation, the Examiner stated that amending the claims would not allow the claims as currently drafted for the reasons given in a recently issued final Office Action dated June 13, 2008. However, the Examiner agreed to withdraw all of the outstanding rejections if independent Claims 1 and 5 are further amended to recite that the execution of face detection is controlled based on an angle range determined by a face-detection angle-range information determining means for determining first, second, third, and fourth angle ranges that are different from each other and are used in a process of detecting a face from

an input image when the value attached to the input image is one of a first, second, third, and fourth input values, respectively, where the first angle range is greater than the second, third and fourth angle ranges, and where the four values are a) a first value indicating that no significant photographing-position information is inputted, b) a second value indicating that an upright posture of the image is to be recognized as an upright position of the image, c) a third value indicating that a horizontally-oriented image with the person's head at the right is to be recognized as an upright position of the image, and d) a fourth value indicating that a horizontally-oriented image with the person's head at the left is to be recognized as an upright position of the image, and if a Request for Continued Examination is filed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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